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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated July 9, 2001, a response to which is due September 9, 2001, enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted.
- 2. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Inventors: Julio F. Rodrigues, Salvatore J. Abbruzzese and Brian S. Welborn

Assignment documents are being concurrently filed with this response in a separate correspondence to the Assignment Division, along with the required Recordation Form Cover Sheet and the fee of \$40.00 is to be credited to Deposit Account No. 20-0776.

Please charge the fee of \$130.00 along with any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in these fees to deposit account no. 20-0776. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

In view of the documents submitted herewith, Applicant respectively urges that the application is in condition for examination. Please direct any questions regarding this submission to Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.

 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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